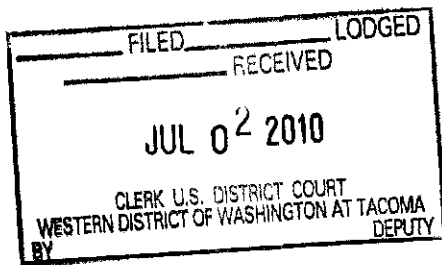


Honorable Ronald B. Leighton



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ex rel. RUTH L. RUCKMAN,

Plaintiff,
v.

ALFRED H. CHAN, M.D., P.C.; ALFRED
H. CHAN, M.D.; JUDY H. CHAN; and
DOES 1 through 50,

Defendants.

No. C08-5532-RBL

FILED UNDER SEAL

ORDER

The United States has filed an *Ex Parte* Application for an Extension of time to Consider Election to Intervene, in which the government seeks a three (3) month extension of time, from July 4, 2010, to October 4, 2010, in which to notify the Court whether it intends to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False Claims Act, which provides that the United States “may, for good cause shown, move the Court for extensions of time....” 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court finds that such good cause exists here.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have until October 4, 2010, to notify the Court of its decision whether or not to intervene in this *qui tam* action.

1 The Clerk shall maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the
2 government's investigation.

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4 DATED this 2nd day of July, 2010.
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8 RONALD B. LEIGHTON
United States District Judge
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